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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the final Office Action dated January 27, 2005, within the three-month period for response. Reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims are respectfully requested. Moreover, Applicants respectfully submit that the arguments presented herein do not raise any new issues, and are properly considered after final.

In the subject Office Action, the Examiner maintained the previous rejections. Specifically, claim 24 was again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 1-27 were again rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,536,597 to Porter et al. Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejections to the extent they are maintained.

As an initial matter, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the consideration granted in the telephonic interview conducted on April 20, 2005. In the interview, Applicants presented arguments regarding the differences between the claimed subject matter and Porter et al. Applicants also noted that the §112 rejection should be withdrawn, as Applicants amended the claim as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner agreed to consider these arguments and issue a new action in due course.

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